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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method of interfolding gloves and forming a glove bundle in a glove dispenser, each glove having a finger portion, a hand portion, and a cuff portion, the method comprising:

(a) superposing the finger portion of a second glove approximately adjacent the finger portion of ~~the~~ a first glove, the second glove finger portion being disposed approximately parallel and in a direction generally opposite the first glove finger portion, such that the second glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing relationship relative to the first glove finger portion; and

(b) lapping the hand portion and the cuff portion of the first glove over the finger portion of the second glove such that the cuff of the first glove lies superjacent the finger portion of the second glove and, ~~such that~~ at least one lapped, superjacent opposing fold is provided thereby; and

(c) wherein the hand portion comprises a hand interior surface having a first interior section and a second interior section, and wherein the cuff portion contacts at least one of the first interior section and the second interior section.

2. (Currently amended) The method of interfolding gloves according to Claim 1, further comprising:

(a) ~~reportedly~~ superposing the finger portion of a ~~subsequent third glove of a plurality of gloves~~ approximately adjacent the finger portion of ~~a the previous second glove of a plurality of gloves~~, the ~~subsequent third glove~~ finger portion being disposed approximately parallel and oriented in a direction generally opposite

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the ~~previous-second~~ glove finger portion, such that the ~~subsequent-third~~ glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing relationship relative to the ~~previous-second~~ glove finger portion; and

(b) ~~repeatedly~~-lapping the hand portion and the cuff portion of the ~~previous-second~~ glove over the finger portion of the ~~subsequent-third~~ glove such that at least one lapped, superjacent opposing fold is provided thereby, and

(c) superimposing additional gloves and folding the additional gloves in lapped, superjacent opposing folds in accordance with claims 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), and 2(b) for the first, second, and third gloves until a , after a predetermined number of gloves have been thus folded, a glove bundle is formed having the predetermined number of folded gloves folded therein is obtained.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second gloves is approximately transversely folded along a respective longitudinal axis prior to operation of Claim 1(a).

4. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein ~~each of the previous and subsequent gloves~~the first, second, third, and additional gloves are is approximately transversely folded along a respective longitudinal axis ~~of the previous and subsequent gloves~~ prior to operation of Claim 2(a).

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the top of the glove bundle comprises the cuff portion of a glove.

6. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, further comprising disposing the glove bundle in ~~a~~the glove dispenser, each adjacent glove in the glove bundle exerting an attractive force upon another adjacent glove in the glove bundle, the glove dispenser

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including a dispensing opening adapted to provide a counterforce in cooperation with the attractive force to dispense a preselected number of gloves at a time.

7. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein one glove is dispensed at a time through the dispensing opening and the glove bundle is arranged to dispense the glove through the dispensing opening in a cuff-first orientation.

8. (Original) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the glove dispenser comprises a resilient, semi-rigid container.

9. (Original) The method according to Claim 8, wherein the dispensing opening further comprises a generally curvilinear opening in the cap through which a glove is dispensed, the generally curvilinear opening being adapted to allow a first glove to be dispensed and to allow a second glove cuff to at least partially protrude through the opening after separating from the dispensed first glove.

10. (Original) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the generally curvilinear dispensing opening is a generally elliptical dispensing opening adapted to partially constrain passage of a glove therethrough.

11. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the glove dispenser is adapted to be at least one of wearable and disposable.

12. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the top of the glove bundle comprises the finger portion of a glove.

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13. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the glove dispenser is adapted to be operably disposed within a secondary dispenser.

14. (Currently amended) A method of interfolding gloves and forming a glove bundle in a glove dispenser, each glove having a finger portion, a hand portion, and a cuff portion, the method comprising:

(a) superposing the finger portion of a second glove approximately adjacent the finger portion of the first glove, the second glove finger portion being disposed approximately parallel and oriented generally opposite the first glove finger portion, such that the second glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing relationship relative to the first glove finger portion;

(b) lapping the hand portion and the cuff portion of the first glove over the finger portion of the second glove such that the cuff of the first glove lies superjacent the finger portion of the second glove to; ~~providing~~ a lapped, superjacent opposing fold thereby;

(c) ~~repeatedly~~ superposing the finger portion of a ~~subsequent third~~ glove of a plurality of gloves approximately adjacent the finger portion of ~~a the previous second glove of a plurality of gloves~~, the ~~subsequent third~~ glove finger portion being disposed approximately parallel and oriented generally opposite the previous glove finger portion, such that the subsequent glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing relationship relative to the ~~previous second~~ glove finger portion;

(d) ~~repeatedly~~ lapping the hand portion and the cuff portion of the ~~previous second~~ glove over the finger portion of the ~~subsequent third~~ glove; ~~providing to provide~~ a lapped, superjacent opposing fold, ~~thereby, after a predetermined number of gloves have been thus folded, a glove bundle is formed having the predetermined number of gloves folded therein; and~~

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(c) ~~forming a glove bundle having a predetermined number of gloves interfolded with lapped superjacent opposing folds therebetween~~superimposing additional gloves and folding the additional gloves in lapped, superjacent opposing folds in accordance with claims 14(a), 14(b), 14(c), and 14(d) for the first, second, and third gloves until a predetermined number of folded gloves is obtained; and

(f) wherein the hand portion comprises a hand interior surface having a first interior section and a second interior section, and wherein the cuff portion contacts at least one of the first interior section and the second interior section.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising disposing the glove bundle interfolded by lapped, superjacent opposing folds in a container, each adjacent glove in the glove bundle exerting an attractive force upon another adjacent glove in the glove bundle, the container adapted to receive the glove bundle and including a dispensing opening adapted to provide a counterforce in cooperation with the attractive force to dispense a preselected number of gloves at a time in a preselected glove portion orientation.

16. (Original) The method according to Claim 15, wherein one glove is dispensed at a time through the dispensing opening and the glove bundle is arranged to dispense the glove through the dispensing opening in a cuff-first orientation.

17. (Original) The method according to Claim 16, wherein the glove dispenser comprises a resilient, semi-rigid container.

18. (Original) The method according to Claim 17, wherein the dispensing opening further comprises a generally curvilinear opening in the cap through which a glove is dispensed, the generally curvilinear opening being adapted to allow a first glove to be dispensed and to

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allow a second glove cuff to at least partially protrude through the opening after separating from the dispensed first glove.

19. (Original) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the generally curvilinear dispensing opening is a generally elliptical dispensing opening adapted to partially constrain passage of a glove therethrough.

20. (Original) The method according to Claim 15, wherein the glove dispenser is adapted to be at least one of wearable and disposable.

21. (Original) The method according to Claim 14, wherein the top of the glove bundle comprises the finger portion of a glove.

22. (Currently amended) A method of interfolding gloves and forming a glove bundle in a glove dispenser, each glove comprising a finger portion, a hand portion, and a cuff portion comprising cuff end, the method comprising:

(a) placing a first glove on a surface with the finger portion pointing in a first direction, wherein the hand portion comprises a hand interior surface having a first interior section and a second interior section, and wherein the cuff portion contacts at least one of the first interior section and the second interior section;

(b) placing a second glove over the first glove with the finger portion of the second glove pointing in a second direction, which is generally opposite the first direction;

(c) folding the hand portion of the first glove so that the cuff portion of the first glove lies superjacent the finger portion of the second glove and the cuff end of the cuff portion contacts the finger portion of the second glove;

(d) placing a third glove over the cuff portion of the first glove with the finger portion of the third glove pointing in the first direction and the finger portion of the third glove contacting the cuff end of the first glove;

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(e) folding the hand portion of the second glove so that the cuff portion of the second glove lies superjacent the finger portion of the third glove and the cuff end of the cuff portion of the second glove contacts the finger portion of the third glove; and

(f) repeating steps (b) through (e) for additional gloves until a desired number of folded gloves is obtained.

23. (New) A method of interfolding gloves and forming a glove bundle in a glove dispenser, each glove comprising a finger portion, a hand portion, and a cuff portion comprising a cuff end, the method comprising:

(a) superposing the finger portion of a second glove approximately adjacent the finger portion of the first glove, the second glove finger portion being disposed approximately parallel and oriented generally opposite the first glove finger portion, such that the second glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing relationship relative to the first glove finger portion; wherein the hand portion comprises a hand interior surface having a first interior section and a second interior section, and wherein the cuff portion contacts at least one of the first interior section and the second interior section;

(b) lapping the hand portion and the cuff portion of the first glove over the finger portion of the second glove, providing a lapped, superjacent opposing fold thereby;

(c) superposing the finger portion of a third glove adjacent the finger portion of the second glove, the third glove finger portion being disposed approximately parallel and oriented generally opposite the previous glove finger portion, such that the subsequent glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing fold relationship relative to the second glove finger portion;

(d) lapping the hand portion and the cuff portion of the second glove over the finger portion of the third glove to provide a lapped, superjacent opposing fold,

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(e) superimposing additional gloves and folding the additional gloves in lapped, superjacent opposing folds in accordance with claims 23(a), 23(b), 23(c), and 23(d) for the first, second, and third gloves until a predetermined number of folded gloves is obtained; and

(f) disposing the glove bundle interfolded by lapped, superjacent opposing folds in the glove dispenser having an opening and an attachment device attached to the glove dispenser for attaching the glove dispenser to a user.

24. (New) The method according to Claim 23, wherein one glove is dispensed at a time through the dispensing opening and the glove bundle is arranged to dispense the glove through the dispensing opening in a cuff-first orientation.

25. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 1, further comprising placing the glove bundle inside the glove dispenser and wherein the glove dispenser comprises an attachment means for attaching the glove dispenser to a user.

26. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 1, further comprising placing the glove bundle inside the glove dispenser and wherein the glove dispenser comprises an attachment device attached to the glove dispenser at an attached end, the attachment device comprises a curved portion near the attached end.

27. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 25, wherein the attachment means comprises a clip, a hook, or a loop.

28. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 14, further comprising placing the glove bundle inside the glove dispenser and wherein the glove dispenser comprises an attachment means for attaching the glove dispenser to a user.



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29. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 14, further comprising placing the glove bundle inside the glove dispenser and wherein the glove dispenser comprises an attachment device attached to the glove dispenser at an attached end, the attachment device comprises a curved portion near the attached end.

30. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 22, further comprising placing the glove bundle inside the glove dispenser and wherein the glove dispenser comprises an attachment means for attaching the glove dispenser to a user.

31. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 22, further comprising placing the glove bundle inside the glove dispenser and wherein the glove dispenser comprises an attachment device attached to the glove dispenser at an attached end, the attachment device comprises a curved portion near the attached end.

32. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 23, wherein the glove dispenser comprises an attachment device attached to the glove dispenser at an attached end, the attachment device comprises a curved portion near the attached end.

33. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 23, wherein first glove, the second glove, the third glove, and the additional glove are each folded along a respective longitudinal axis prior to superimposing any portion of the glove to another glove.

34. (New) The method of interfolding gloves according to claim 33, wherein the glove dispenser comprises an attachment device attached to the glove dispenser at an attached end, the attachment device comprises a curved portion near the attached end.